



Dedicated to a better Brisbane

Mt Coot-tha Forest Track Map





Special features

Mt Coot-tha Lookout

Mt Coot-tha Lookout has sweeping views of the city, Moreton Bay, North and South Stradbroke islands and the southern ranges. It provides a spectacular view of the city in the day or a fairyland of lights at night.



Powerful owl

Nine picnic areas

Mt Coot-tha Forest has nine picnic areas: JC Slaughter Falls, Hoop Pine, Silky Oak, Simpson Falls, Brush Box, Grey Gum, Range View, Gold Mine and Gap Creek Road. Each has facilities which may include picnic tables, BBQs, toilets, water taps and access to walking tracks.

Waterfalls

After heavy rain the creeks and waterfalls in Mt Coot-tha Forest are spectacular. Care should be taken at creek crossings.

Volunteering

Opportunities exist to take a more hands-on approach to caring for this iconic reserve by joining trail care or Habitat Brisbane activities. Phone Council on **3403 8888** for more information or visit **brisbane.qld.gov.au**



Popular walking tracks



Lace monitor (goanna)

Summit Track – 1.9 km (30 minutes)

This track leads from JC Slaughter Falls picnic area to Mt Coot-tha Lookout (near the roundabout).

Mahogany Trail – 2.6 km (1 hour 15 minutes)

This trail starts at JC Slaughter Falls picnic area winding its way through beautiful open eucalyptus forest, providing city glimpses on the way to the popular Mt Coot-tha Lookout. It forms a 4.5 km circuit walk when combined with the Summit Track and also allows access onto the Citriodora Trail that connects through to the Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha (gardens access 8am to 4pm).

Ghost Hole Track – 650 m (15 minutes)

Traces of the old workings can be seen along the Ghost Hole Track at the Gold Mine picnic area. Interpretive signage along the track explains the 'hard yakka' endured by miners in days gone by.

Simpson Falls Track – 650 m to Simpson Falls (40 minutes)

This track begins at Simpson Falls picnic area. It is excellent for wildflower viewing in late winter and spring when the golden wattles and purple hoveas of the open forest understorey burst into bloom. Walkers may catch a glimpse of the city from the Simpson Falls viewing deck.

Mt Coot-tha tracks and trails

Mt Coot-tha Forest offers an extensive network of designated tracks and trails to cater for walking, cycling and horse riding. To ensure we can all share the trails, the following guidelines apply. When using multi-use trails:

- cyclists must give way to walkers and horse riders
- mountain bike riders travelling uphill have right of way
- slow down when passing
- all mountain bike trails in Mt Coot-tha Forest are used in both directions, except Crebra Climb which is one way uphill.

Eugenia Circuit – 2.8 km (1.5 hours)

This circuit links with surrounding walking tracks allowing visitors to create a longer walking experience. The circuit winds through eucalypt woodland and vine forest, across the creek and links to the Simpson Falls viewing deck.

Honeyeater Track – 2.1 km (1 hour)

This track begins 375 metres from the Mt Coot-tha Lookout, off Sir Samuel Griffith Drive and provides access to the Chapel Hill area and The Hut Environmental Centre.

Popular mountain biking trails

All mountain bike trails are two-way unless signed otherwise.

Rocket Frog Trail – 2.5 km

This contour trail is popular with the beginner or novice mountain bike rider. It requires basic bike handling skills and will provide a challenge to those new to riding in natural areas.



A shady creek



Echidna



Gap Creek information shelter



Multi-use trail

Gap Creek Circuit – 2.3 km

This short circuit ride links with multi-use trails. Popular as a warm-up ride.

Cubberla Creek Trail – 750 m

This trail follows the creek and contains some constructed rock features providing challenges for more experienced riders. Can be linked with the Echidna Trail to extend your ride.

Pipeline Trail – 1 km

The most difficult trail in the park. Should only be ridden by riders experienced in difficult technical trail features such as a 180 degree wooden wall-ride berm, log rollovers and large drop offs. Inspect all challenges before attempting them and don't overestimate your skill level.

Whipbird Way – 1.5 km

Whipbird Way links with other moderate trails including Cubberla Creek Trail, Bandicoot Byway and Wallaby Way to provide different trail experiences. Take care when exiting on to multi-use trails.



Mt Coot-tha Forest

Brisbane City Council is creating more to see and do in a clean and green Brisbane with more opportunities to enjoy Brisbane's beautiful climate. Mt Coot-tha Forest, located just five kilometres from the heart of the city, is Brisbane's largest conservation reserve with more than 1500 hectares of open eucalypt forest. Mt Coot-tha, originally home to the Turrbal Aboriginal people and whose name derives from the Aboriginal word for honey, *kuta*, has had a varied history of logging, goldmining and as a military base. It was first designated as a public park in 1880 and since then has become a popular setting for outdoor activities such as picnics, bushwalking and mountain biking. Mt Coot-tha Forest, with its connections to D'Aguiar National Park, brings the bushland and its inhabitants virtually to the heart of the city.




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Caring for Brisbane's natural areas

Brisbane City Council manages and cares for more than 9900 hectares of bushland and wetland reserves. To ensure Brisbane's reserves provide healthy habitat for native plants and animals and beautiful places for the community to enjoy, Council has to actively manage these reserves. This includes running education and compliance activities. Pressures on our natural areas include weeds, arson, pest animals, dogs off leash, illegal dumping and unauthorised recreational activities such as unauthorised off-road cycling. Please check track maps and signage for more information about authorised activities within a reserve, and if you see any unauthorised activities within a Council parkland or reserve, please report to 3403 8888.

Report arson

Arson, or bushfires started illegally, is a crime and a major threat to all reserve users, reserve neighbours and wildlife.

- To report a fire call emergency services on **000** (triple zero).
- To report suspicious behaviour contact Policelink on **13 14 44**.

For more information visit ruralfire.qld.gov.au and search 'arson'.

For your safety

- Enjoy the forest with a friend (don't go alone).
- Wear a hat, sunscreen and carry water.
- Wear comfortable footwear if you are going bushwalking.
- Make sure you let someone know where you are going, and when you plan to return.
- Exercise caution when on tracks. Some tracks cross creek lines and are unsafe to cross when flooded after heavy rain.
- Take a track map or use your mobile phone to download a map from brisbane.qld.gov.au
- Carry a mobile phone. In an emergency dial **000** or **112** (or text **106** if you have a Teletyper device) as full mobile coverage may not be present in all areas.
- Cyclists should:
 - give way, moving to the left without leaving the track
 - slow down for corners and blind spots
 - keep left, always wear a helmet and use your bell
 - control your speed and avoid skidding
 - take a repair kit and know how to use it
 - maintain your bicycle to avoid breakdowns
 - visit cyclingbrisbane.com.au for cycling information and local news.
- Use only signed tracks.

Getting there

By car: access to picnic areas is from Sir Samuel Griffith Drive or Gap Creek Road, Mt Coot-tha.

By foot: the reserve can be accessed from surrounding streets at points identified on the map over the page.

By public transport: visit translink.com.au or phone 13 12 30.

By bike: go to brisbane.qld.gov.au and search 'Riding in Brisbane' to plan your trip.



How to protect our bushland



Keep to walking tracks



Designated trails only



Designated trails only



Dog on leash

Under Council's local laws, conducting or engaging in the following activities is prohibited.



No littering



No fires



No camping



Clean up after your dog



No motorbikes

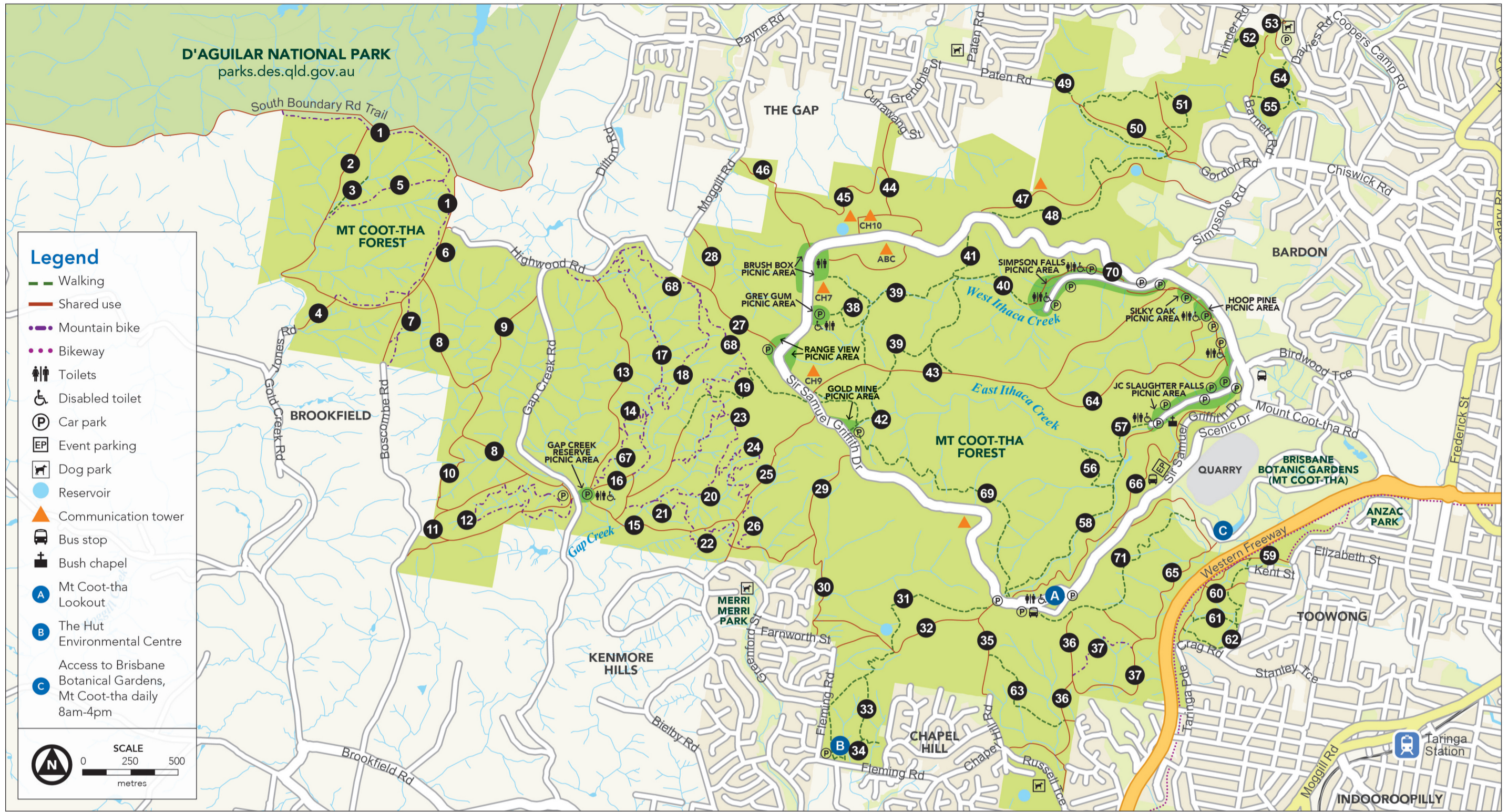


No interference with plants



No unauthorised vehicles or motorised vehicles

Mt Coot-tha Forest Track Map



Trail difficulty ratings

Take care on multi-use trails – many of them are steep and loose.



Walking difficulty

- Easy:** mostly flat with minor slopes and fairly even track surface with few obstacles.
- Moderate:** track may be hilly and have uneven surfaces in sections.
- Hard:** track may be steep, uneven and have obstacles in sections.

Mountain biking difficulty

- Easier:** width 90 cm or more, gentle climbs, easier obstacles 5 cm tall or less.
- More difficult:** width 60 cm or more, challenging slopes, tighter turns, larger obstacles 20 cm or more tall.
- Very difficult:** width 30 cm or more, difficult climbs and descents, loose or rough sections, tight turns and obstacles over 38 cm tall. **Multi-use trails with this rating are determined by gradient only.**

Please note: All mountain biking trails in Mt Coot-tha Forest are used in both directions (except Crebra Climb is one-way uphill). Be aware that some unauthorised tracks have been made up by unknown persons. Some of these unauthorised tracks are marked by counterfeit signs designed to deceive and look like official Brisbane City Council signage.

Horse riding safety

- When using horse riding trails, always wear a helmet and ride to your skill level. Be sure to tell others where you are going and when you expect to return.

Dog on leash area

- Please keep your dog on a lead at all times. Mt Coot-tha Forest is home to many species of wildlife.

Mt Coot-tha Forest tracks

Name	Use/rating	Distance
1 Death Adder Trail		2.8 km
2 Gold Creek Trail		2 km
3 Tunnel Trail		430 m
4 Jones Road Trail		400 m
5 Pipeline Trail		1 km
6 Boscombe Road Trail		1.4 km
7 Glider Trail		380 m
8 Goanna Trail		2.2 km
9 Coucal Trail		800 m
10 Ironbark Trail		850 m
11 Curlew Circuit		1.9 km
12 Gap Creek Circuit		2.3 km
13 Quail Trail		1.6 km
14 Skink Link		450 m
15 Bellbird Trail		1.4 km
16 Cockatoo Trail		1 km
17 Rocket Frog Trail		2.5 km
18 Dingo Trail		1.5 km
19 Jacksonia Track		1.5 km
20 Wallaby Trail		520 m
21 Wagtail Way		300 m
22 Echidna Trail		820 m
23 Bandicoot Byway		1.4 km
24 Whipbird Way		1.5 km

Name	Use/rating	Distance
25 Kokoda Trail		900 m
26 Cubberla Creek Trail		750 m
27 Highwood Road Trail		850 m
28 Moggill Road Trail		450 m
29 Scorpion Trail		750 m
30 Kamala Trail		1.7 km
31 Honeyeater Track		2.1 km
32 Reservoir Trail		1.2 km
33 Rose Robin Track		440 m
34 Butterfly Track		400 m
35 Chapel Hill Road Trail		670 m
36 Lookout Trail		1.6 km
37 Frogmouth Trail		1.5 km
38 Fairywren Circuit		675 m
39 Eugenia Circuit		2.8 km
40 Simpson Falls Track		650 m
41 Stringybark Track		550 m
42 Ghost Hole Track		650 m
43 Powerful Owl Trail		2.8 km
44 Currawang Street Trail		1.2 km
45 Boulder Trail		965 m
46 Python Trail		935 m
47 Bardon Trail		1.4 km
48 Maculata Track		1.8 km

Name	Use/rating	Distance
49 Paten Road Track		350 m
50 Quarry Trail		1.5 km
51 Kulgun Circuit		2.2 km
52 Trinder Road Track		350 m
53 Boobook Trail		450 m
54 Kingfisher Track		500 m
55 Lace Monitor Track		400 m
56 Hoop Pine Track		925 m
57 Hovea Track		300 m
58 Summit Track		1.9 km
59 Kookaburra Trail		1.6 km
60 Gecko Trail		310 m
61 Dogwood Track		360 m
62 Themeda Track		1.7 km
63 Golden Orb Track		900 m
64 Pinnacle Trail		1.5 km
65 Citriodora Trail		2.7 km
66 Mahogany Trail		2.6 km
67 Crebra Climb		600 m
68 Lorikeet Link		2.1 km
69 Litchfield Track		2.5 km
70 Discovery Trail		1.6 km
71 Spotted Gum Trail		2.4 km

Please note – during your visit you may see a Council or authorised contractor vehicle undertaking necessary maintenance or site inspection work within the reserve.